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you will lay in when you fill your bin now from our high grade and superior Coal. Without a warm fire to cheer him once in awhile old Santa Claus would weary on his round. Our Coai is well screened, and will insure you having your Christmas feast well cooked. Free burn-ing.

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Everything known to the profession put up in the finest style possible.

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Corned Hams, Sc. pound; Country Eggs, Zic. dozen; Ioc. Van Camp's Maccaroni and Cheese, Sc. can; Sauer Kraut, Sc. quart. With each bottle of Borjes' Polish for Jadles' shoes we will give a box of blacking free. Don't forget Blue Label Coffee, the best in the city. Remember these prices are for Saturday from 6 c'clock a, m. to 10 c'clock p. m. Five clerks in attendance. Respectfully,

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### NOTICE!

Something worth knowing is where to get the best WOOD and COAL in the city at the LOWEST PRICES. Call and see for yourself and be convinced, or phone to

H. B. WILKINS,

A CHILD BURNED.

Yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock a small colored girl living with her parents, on County street, near Chestnut, was playing around the fire when her clothing caught and burned her quite badly before those in the room succeeded in putting the flames out. She was attended by Dr. L. A. Billsoly, who dressed the wounds.

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING.
The annual meeting of the Court
Street Baptist Church was held Sunday and the following officers were
elected: R. S. Brooks, treasurer; Arthur Rutter, clerk; J. D. New, financial
secretary; E. Brooks, treasurer missionary fund; D. A. Williams, treasurer poor fund.

CHOPPED HIS THUMB OFF.
Yesterday afternoon Mr. S. W. Dunn,
who lives on South street extended,
was engaged in cutting some wood
when by accident he chopped his thumt
off. He was brought to the office of Dr
R. R. Robertson, who dressed the
wound, which was a very painful one.

HOW THE DAY WAS OBSERVED. Yesterday was observed as New Year's Day. But for the number of men that were idle on account of work being shut down, one would not have known the difference between that and any other day. All the places of business were opened and there was not the sound of a horn or a firecracker to be heard. Work in the yard was suspended; also at the Seaboard Air Line shops and depot. There were but few places in the city that received calls, The Courthouse was closed and no business was transacted.

ENGLAND'S COAST DEFENSES.

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In event of war, no alien army could approach our shore without imperiling its navy by encountering our explosive mines, scores of which surround our coasts at all places likely to be selected for attack by a foreign foe. The Thames is also carefully shielded in the vicinity of Blackwall. The precise locality of these mines is, however, for obvious reasons, kept a dark and inscrutable mystery, and the approaches to them are so cleverly constructed and concealed that no one save an expert would suspect their real character.

An innocent-looking cellar at the basement of a certain tradesman's shop is the entrance to one important mine; but even the tradesman himself is not aware that the government rents his cellar, nor does he ever surmise the true nature of the operations carried on thereon. The mines are equipped with explosives of the most potent kind, and admirably connected with the secret chambers on shore by means of electric wires.

approched by passages protected in a similar manner.

Every lock and key is specially made for the government, and is unlike any other. Only a few of the very highest officials are allowed to use these keys, and they are solemnly sworn to preserve their secret rigidly. No persons, apart from those especially empowered, may inspect or visit any of the secret chambers at any time, except by express written "permit," personally procured from a certain high official. This is exceedingly difficult to obtain, and, in fact, is rarely ever granted.

Prior to such a permit being issued, the officials assure themselves that the possessor of the document bears a blameless character, is British born, and has no ulterior reasons for preferring his request. This settled, he is sworn to secreey, in the most solemn manner, blindfolded, and conducted by a circuitous route to the secret chamber, where he is permitted to use his eyes, but not his tongue, no questions being answered by the attending officials.

on the evening arranged, after extracting a solemn vow of secrecy from his lady-love, and getting her to don the dress of a naval officer for the occasion, he was about to set out on his secret mission, when, to his surprise and alarm he and his companion were arrested by detectives. In some mysterious manner the authorities had been enlightened as to the proceedings on foot, and were in time to stop them,

### Amnual Sales over 5,000,000 Boxes BEECHAMS

FOR BILIOUS AND NERVOUS DISORDERS such as Wind and Pain in the Stomach, Giddiness, Fulness after meals, Headacho, Dizziness, Drowsiness, Fushings of Heat, Loss of Appetite. Costiveness, Biotches on the Skin, Cold Chills, Disturbed Sleep, Frightful Dreams and all Nervous and Trembling Sensations, THE FIRST DOSE WILL GIVE RELIEF IN TWENTY MINUTES, Every sufferer will acknowledge them to be

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Weak Stomach Impaired Digestion Disordered Liver Beecham's Pills are

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LARGEST SALE of any Patent Medicine in the World.

For "breach of regulations" the young lieutenant was subsequently court-martialed and reduced, while his charming companion, who proved to be a spy in the employ of the French government, was conveyed back to her own country with a caustic caution.

On another occasion a German gentleman contrived to locate the entrance to one of the secret chambers, and actually hired a member of the Bill Sykes freternity to aid him in negotiating the double locks one dark November night. But so splendidly fitted and fortified were these appliances both the visitors were doomed to disappointment. Returning from the rendezvous, both the plotter and his accomplice were arrested and imprisoned.

#### THE MAKERS OF DOLLS.

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Where Santa Claus Gets the Presents That Please Little Girls.

The Gentlewoman.

In the forests of Saxony, Germany, are thousands of thatched huts in which dwell the makers of the celebrated "French" dolls. Not many years ago a traveler riding through those noble forests might have seen drying in the sun before the queer houses, thousands upon thousands—whole acres of doil heads. That was in the day of "composition" heads, but now the doll heads are manufactured of bisque, in the factories in Dresden and other cities, whither the present doll makers trudge each Saturday with hig baskets piled full of beautiful new dolls, taking back to their pitifully poor homes the blank heads, wigs, kid for the bodies, hands and feet, and other parts to be used in the next week's work.

The father works daily in the forests and all the rest of the family engage heartly in the work of doll making; the good wife tints the cheeks, paints the eyebrows, adjusts the wig and makes the tiny shoes. The boys fasten the jointed limbs together, stuff and cover the body, and get it ready for dressing, while little Gretchen makes the wee stockings and the prim muclin skirt in which the lady doils cross the great ocean to the shops in the big cities of America, where Santa Claus goes each year to buy his dolls.

All through the rainy season the father also sits about the fireside working with his family. On Friday night, the faithful frau backs the dolls in large, shallow baskets, and prepares a lunch of bread and cheese, for the Saturday's journey is long, and Hans may

#### CAMELS HARBOR HATRED.

The Beasts Will Wait a Long Timest Avenge a Wrong. (London Telegraph.)

The Arab who has angered a camel will throw his clothes upon the ground, and the infuriated beast, after stamp-ing on them and tearing them asunder

mines.

A young lleutenant in the navy, whose honorable character won the confidence of his superior officers, some years since was accorded the privilege of guarding one of these secret mines, and entrusted with certain information concerning its character.

Soon after his appointment he became engaged to a charming young French lady, of whom he was desperately enamored. By some inexplacable means his fiancee got to hear of his appointment, and, by alternate threats and persuasions, induced him to take her to see the secret mine under his care.

On the evening arranged, after ex-

[New York World.]

Ours is now the greatest producing and exporting nation in all the world. Hitherto we have held at best second place to Great Britain. This year, with our exports amounting to twelve hundred and thirty millions, we leave even Great Britain behind by more than sixty million dollars.

Our exports of domestic products alone passed the thousand million mark for the first time in the year 1892. From then until 1896 they fell below that figure, but in 1897 they rose to \$1,032,000,000 and this year they have reached the enormous total of \$1,230,000,000.

Twenty years ago we exported of our own products \$650,709,265 worth—or only a trifle more than one-half this year's exports.

And the difference covers almost

## BERKLEY.

ed.

A beautiful reception was given by
Miss Naomi Eley at her residence, on
Berkley avenue, last night, in honor of
her guest, Miss Daisy Holland, of
Windsor, Va.

The fight which occurred between
Douglass Cane and Noah Main, both
colored, yesterday evening, attracted
quite a crowd before it came to a close.
Several minor and major fights were

Several minor and major fights were pulled off among the crowd.

A horse supposed to have been stolen from Mr. Thomas W. Butt, of this side of the river, has been captured in Elizabeth City, N. C., also the alleged their.

Rev. A. E. Communications and close.

thief.

Rev. A. E. Owen, late pastor of Court Street Baptist Church, Portsmouth, and now president of Ryland Institute, this town, has received calls from the Centreville and Colossa Baptist Churches. They came to him yesterday. When seen by a Virginian-Pilot reporter last night he was unable to say whether he would accept, but stated that he was considering them and would later make known his decision.

TRYING M. ZOLA ON THE LINES OF OPERA BOUFFE.

Much Enthusiasm, No Questions Answered, Endeavors to Lynch Defendant—Curtain. (New York Journal)

All the usual accessories. The military claque in front. Army officers in wings with red fire. Grand chorus of Governmental supporters, with sheet iron thunder producers. General Boyduffey on the witness stand.

General B.—As I was saying—
The Judge—As you were saying—
General B.—Having the goodness to reffain from interrupting the witness.

The Judge—Pardon me, M. le Generals.

General B.-Well, don't do it again.

he Judge—Do not misconstrue my I had no intention of slurring the my of F-r-rance. eneral B.—Well, don't let it occur

no.

General B.—And now, gentlemen of the jury, it remains with you to uphold the honor of your country. (Immense enthusiasm. Mob endeavors to lynch Zola: General pandemonium prevails.)

Zola's Attorney—May I ask the General a question?

The Judge—Certainly not.

More applause, more attempts at lynching, more red fire, more pandemonium. Curtain.

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HIS OLD WOMAN KNEW BEST.
The colonel had been sent to Pennsylvania by a syndicate to buy oil lands and among other tracts inspected was a holding belonging to a man named Burns. He would not allow a test-well to be driven, and when offered \$50 an acre at a venture, he replied:
"I wart what my land is worth and no more. I will consult a dream book and see you later."

Two or three days after he called on the colonel and said the dream book told him that there was a large lake of oil under his land, and that he must not sell short of \$1,000 an acre. His price was thought too high and he went away, saying he would consult a fortune teller, and let the results be known. When he return his price was \$1,500 an acre. He had been told that the supply of oil was inexhaustible. The colonel refused to deal, and it was a week later when Mr. Burns turned up for the third time and said:
"Well, colonel, I've come to make a dicker with you about that land."
"Have you raised your figures to \$2,000 an acre?" was queried.
"No, sir; my figures have gone down to \$50."
"How did that happen?"
"Well, I consuited the dream book and she told me to ask a thousand. I went to a fortune teller and she told me to ask fifteen hundred. Then I went to the old woman and she said to me, says she:

"Jacob, if there's any man fool 'nuff to think he kin find a pint of ile under our cld land let him have it at his own price."
"And so you will take \$50 an acre?"

under our cld land let him have it at his own price.'"

"And so you will take \$50 an acre?"

"T'm calculatin' I will."

The land was sold at the figure named, and ,although \$7,000 was expended in sinking wells, the syndicate never got enough to grease the machinery.

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Twenty years ago we exported of our own products \$630,709,268 worth—or only a trifle more than one-half this year's exports.

And the difference covers almost every department of production. The increase consists only in part of grain, provisions and other farm products. It includes also many articles of manufacture, representing the industry of our skilled laborers. We are shipping pig iron, finished steel, cheese machinery, bicycles and a hundred other manufactures even to England. Our exports of agricultural implements, machinery, cotton cloths, furniture and the like to other countries are steadily increasing. In brief, we are not only feeding the world, but we are ciothing it and furnishing it with elevators, sewing machines, typewriters, locomotives, railroad iron, bridge materials, agricultural implements and machinery, and a score of other products that twenty years ago we bought from other countries.

ALTOGETHER TOO SHORT.

(From the New York World.)

They were discussing the clubwoman of advanced ideas.

"I suppose," said one, "that you regard her as the woman of the hour!" exclaimed the other. "Why, my dear sir, if you had ever heard her talk you would realize that woman of the hour!" exclaimed the other. "Why, my dear sir, if you had ever heard her talk you would realize that woman of the hour!" exclaimed the even ones, too, on account of staying in out of the wet-building us and the twenty had even heard her talk you would realize that woman of the hour!" exclaimed the even ones, too, on account of staying in out of the wet-building us and the west of application to the wall and the west of any bad representation of the wet-building us and the even half enough latitude. She is nothing less than the woman of the hour!" deed to the countries are the product that woman of the hour!" exclaimed the even ones, too, on account of staying in out of the wet-building us and the ven ones, to one of the product the prod

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